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| REMARKS                          |                    |                         | ILLEGIB          |

1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Wittstock airfield between 23 September and 17 October 1953:
- 23 September. Between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. there was no air activity. Visibility was good. Nine MiG-15s and 1 conventional aircraft were parked at the field.
- 24 September. Between 10:15 a.m. and 2 p.m., at intervals of only a few minutes 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s would fly in the direction of the Gadow-Rossow training grounds, from where they returned after about 40 minutes. The weather was 3/10 overcast and visibility good.
- 27 September. At about 3:30 p.m., 20 swept-back jet fighters took off in rapid succession, assembled in five formations of four aircraft each and flew off toward southeast. About 4:30 p.m., the aircraft returned and landed. At 6:30 p.m., 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were observed aloft.
- 29 September. At about 2:30 p.m., one MiG-15 towing an air sleeve took off and flew in the direction of the Gadow-Rossow training grounds, followed by three other jet fighters. Shortly before 5 p.m., 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off and flew toward the southeast where they disappeared out of sight. Another formation of four aircraft took off at 5:18 p.m. and flew in the same direction. Four MiG-15s were parked at the eastern end of the runway and 12 other swept-back jet fighters were seen in front of the easternmost hangar.
- 30 September. At 11:36 a.m. 8 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off in rapid succession and flew to the southeast, followed by a conventional aircraft. At 11:45 a.m. 2 biplanes took off, flew two circles over Wittstock and subsequently headed in the direction of the Gadow-Rossow training grounds where they disappeared out of sight.
- 1 October. The field was observed between 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. During that time, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off and headed in a southeasterly direction toward Neuruppin.
- 3 October. There was no air activity between 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. At 4:35 p.m., 2 swept-back jet fighters approached from the south and landed. At 4 p.m., 12 swept-back jet fighters and 1 conventional aircraft were parked at the field.

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6 October. Between 9:05 a.m. and 9:15 a.m., 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were seen aloft. The weather was 8/10 overcast and visibility good. At 5:57 p.m., when source again observed the field, a swept-back jet fighter took off and flew toward the southeast.

8 October. Between 10:15 a.m., there was intensive air activity, including individual take offs and the take-off by one element of two aircraft. All aircraft headed in the direction of the Gadow-Rossow training grounds. Between 1:10 p.m. and 1:50 p.m., there was also intensive flying. The weather was 8/10 overcast and visibility good.

9 October. Between 5:45 p.m. and 6 p.m., one swept-back jet fighter took off and headed toward Gadow-Rossow.

10 October. Two single-engine monoplanes approached the field from the southeast and landed. Up to 6 p.m., no other air activity was observed. There was a 3/10 overcast and good visibility.

12 October. At 5:05 p.m., a swept-back jet fighter coming from the south landed. No other air activity was observed until 6 p.m. The weather was favorable.

13 October. At 4:17 p.m., one swept-back jet fighter took off and headed towards the Gadow-Rossow training grounds. At intervals of 5 minutes, additional MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off in the same direction. As of 5 p.m., the aircraft had not returned.

14 October. At 9:20 a.m., 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off and flew toward the west. No other air activity was observed until 9:45 a.m.

16 October. Between 5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., there was no flying. There was a closed ceiling and it rained.

17 October. There was no flying between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. The weather was 8/10 overcast and it rained intermittently. Fifteen swept-back jet fighters and 1 conventional aircraft were parked at the field.<sup>1</sup>

2. An AA gun emplacement occupied by 6 guns was observed in the southwestern corner of the field south of the western end of the runway. Three searchlights were seen west of the western end of the runway.<sup>2</sup>

3. [REDACTED]

4. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 22 September and 1 October:

22 September. Between 6:20 p.m. and 8 p.m., 4 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s made individual flights of about 15 minutes duration.

24 September. Between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., there was air activity during which time 12 to 14 swept-back jet fighters were repeatedly observed taking off in rapid succession.

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28 September. Between 9:45 a.m. and 5:20 p.m., there was air activity with elements of two aircraft repeatedly taking off. Formations of four aircraft also practiced flying. About 3 p.m., a formation of 12 swept-back jet fighters was seen aloft.

29 and 30 September. Throughout the day, formations of four aircraft practiced flying.

1 October. At 7:15 a.m., 22 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off, assembled in formation and flew toward the southwest. At 8:10 a.m., the formation returned and the first aircraft was observed landing at the field. [REDACTED]

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5. Between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on 20 September, there was no air activity at the field. The alert flight of 4 MiG-15s was parked in the northwestern corner of the field near the runway. Searchlights directed toward the runway were observed at the western end of the runway.

6. The following air activity was observed at the field between 24 September and 1 October:

24 September. At 8 a.m., 2 swept-back jet fighters and, at 9:30 a.m., one swept-back jet fighter towing an air sleeve and two additional MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were seen aloft. [REDACTED] air activity continued throughout the morning. About 2 p.m., 27 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and 2 twin-engine monoplanes were parked at the field. About 3:30 p.m., one of the twin-engine monoplanes took off and flew toward the east.

25 September. About 3 a.m., [REDACTED] several flying swept-back jet fighters.

28 September. There was flying over Wittstock.

29 September. Shortly before 8 a.m., 3 swept-back jet fighters fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks were seen over Wittstock.

30 September. There was flying in the morning. In the afternoon, a swept-back jet fighter towing an air sleeve and followed by other MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s, were seen aloft.

1 October. There was air activity at about 8 a.m.

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7. Trucks [REDACTED]  
sedans [REDACTED] and radio trucks [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] were [REDACTED] at the field.

8. On one day in late September, or early October, [REDACTED] the swept-back jet fighters were parked in aircraft revetments.

9. Shipments observed in connection with the airfield between 26 September and 3 October, included: Four railroad tank cars with fuel shipped to the field at about 7 p.m. on 26 September; two coaches, carrying about 80 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, which were attached to a scheduled train leaving Wittstock toward Perleberg at 8:10 a.m. on 2 October; and three railroad cars with undetermined load which was shipped to the field at 1 p.m. on 3 October.

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10. About 3:10 p.m. on 7 October, there was no flying at the field. Eleven swept-back jet fighters and 1 aircraft of undetermined type were parked at the field.

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11. About 11 a.m. on 20 October, 22 swept-back jet fighters at the field. The aircraft continuously practiced flying. Besides these aircraft, 1 twin-engine monoplane and 1 high-wing monoplane were seen. No aircraft were parked in aircraft revetments.

An AA gun emplacement

south of the western end of the runway was occupied.

1. Comment. The headquarters of the Northern Fighter Corps and one fighter regiment equipped with about 30 to 35 MiG-15s are stationed at Wittstock airfield. The intensive training activity by the regiment at the Gadow-Rossow is noteworthy. Probably the regiment participated in exercises held by the reinforced 9th Gds Tank Div in the area south of Neustrelitz between 27 and 30 September 1953.

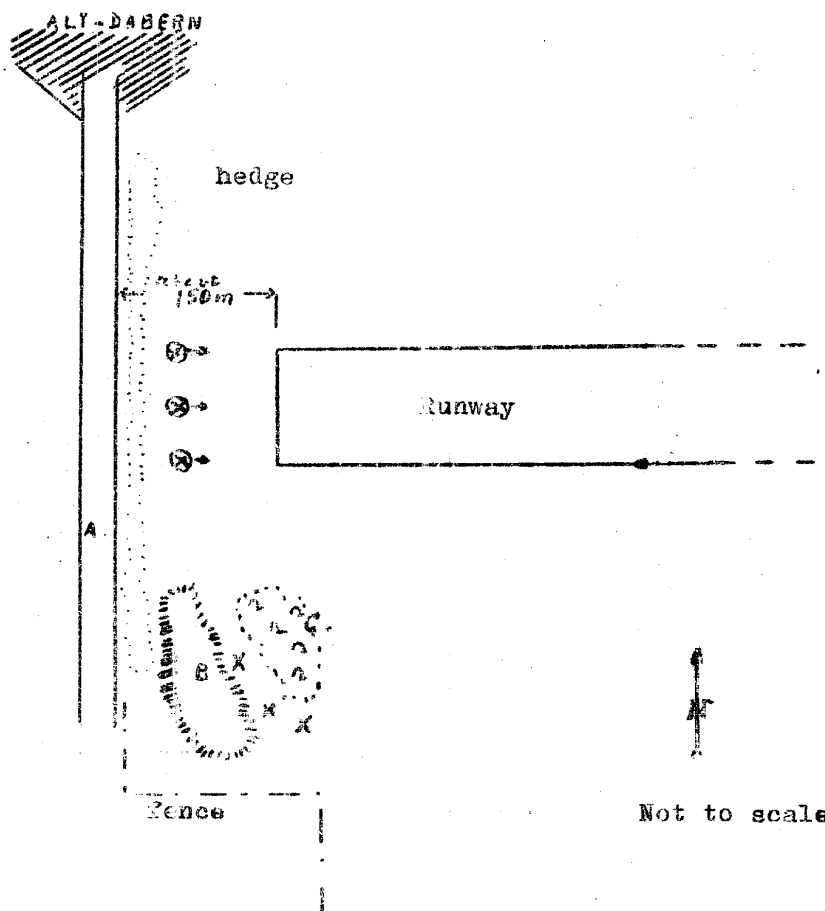
2. Comment. For location of AA gun emplacement and searchlights, see Annex 2.

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Wittstock AirfieldLegend:

- Searchlight
- × AA gun emplacement with 6 guns
- A Road to Wittstock
- B Sand pit
- C Shrubs, about 2 meters high

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